

Final Bullets RE: Coutts

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Helio all:

Here are the finalized bullets for Diane/Paul/Mark Parsons's review. Thank you all for your fantastic work!

- The border crossing at Coutts is Alberta's busiest land border crossing.
- About \$5 billion worth of Alberta exports -- or about \$13 million per day on average -- were shipped by truck through the Coutts border crossing in 2020. In addition to Alberta products, the border crossing also supports the movement of goods to and from other Canadian jurisdictions.
- The protest is holding up several shipments, including meat, livestock, fresh produce and various consumer goods from the U.S. This is affecting not only consumers but also truckers, ranchers and farmers, grocery chains and manufacturers. It could lead to the destruction of spoiled food, shortages and higher grocery prices for Albertans, exacerbating the ongoing global supply chain disruptions.
- While some truckers should be able to divert to other border crossings, livestock shipments will have fewer or higher-cost options to divert to other border crossings as Coutts is the only one in Alberta with veterinary services.
- The nearest alternative border crossings with veterinary services are located at Eastport-Kingsgate (BC-Idaho) or Regway in Saskatchewan, either of which would entail significant additional costs.
- Based on traffic counts, some traffic has chosen to divert to other border crossings, such as the Del Bonita border crossing 80 kilometres west of Coutts, which saw 250-300 more vehicles January 31 and February 1, equal to 6 to 7 times more traffic.

@Diane, for your review.

Thanks again,

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My understanding is that it's based on traffic count data just north of the border, which is why it shows that traffic is still present. Agree this could cause some confusion/mixed messaging. Suggest we remove the first sentence of that bullet. The reference to Del Bonita could be used as an example of traffic choosing to divert to other border crossings.

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Hi Alan -- So does "traffic totals near Coutts were less than half, or approximately 800 fewer vehicles, of those seen earlier in January 2022" mean that some traffic is getting through?

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Hi Everyone, a couple proposed bullets below for consideration (highlighted in green). Happy to get feedback on these as well. The final one is based on the traffic count

info that we have access to.

Thanks,
Alan

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Hi team,

Some minor edits. Still waiting for TRANS (NO PRESSURE, ALAN!!!), but per Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters via CBC, "there are around 800 to 1,200 trucks that pass through the Coutts border crossing every day."

For now, please let me know if you have any issues (whether in tone or detail). Reminder: once these bullets are finalized on our end, I will send them to my ED (Diane McCann-Hiltz) for her review, and then she'll forward them to ADM Paul Le Bane (JEI), who will then work with ADM Mark Parsons (TBF) for final editing.

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Any feedback is appreciated.

Cheers,

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